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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1875-76.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

J. WHITE BELCHER, JOHN T. FLOOD, JAMES A. TOWER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

NATHANIEL HOWARD,	Term expires March 1, 1876.
MICHAEL A. DONNOVAN,	" " " 1877.
JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A.M.	" " " 1878.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

SIDNEY FRENCH,	Term expires March 1, 1876.
CHARLES H. HOWARD,	" " " 1877.
DANIEL HOWARD,	" " " 1878.

Auditors.

FRANK MORTON, FRANK PORTER, EDGAR HOWARD.

Constables.

WILLIAM H. WARREN,	JAMES FRIZZELL,	EZRA R. PAYNE,
WILLIAM F. McMAHON,	HENRY H. FRANCIS,	CHAS. McCARTY.

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL, ADAM F. JONES, BENJAMIN THAYER.

Engineers of Fire Department.

WILLIAM H. WARREN, <i>Chief Engineer.</i>	EDWARD E. LOTHROP, <i>Clerk.</i>
LEVI WILBUR.	

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of the Lock-up.

WILLIAM H. WARREN.

Collector of Taxes.

EDSON M. ROEL.

Representative to the General Court.

SETH MANN, 2d.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

THE Selectmen of the Town of Randolph herewith present their Annual Report, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1876.

APPROPRIATIONS BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

For schools,	\$7,650 00
Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Repairs on highways,	3,000 00
New roads (including land damage),	3,000 00
General town expenses,	10,000 00
Fire Department,	1,800 00
Payment on town debt,	5,000 00
Grand Army,	100 00
Guide boards,	100 00
Portrait of the late Royal Turner,	1,500 00
State tax,	3,140 00
County tax,	2,141 34
Total,	<hr/> \$38,431 34

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1875.

Personal estate,	\$619,390 00
Real estate,	1,441,840 00
Bank Stock owned by residents of Randolph, taxed by the State,	454,025 00

Corporation stock owned by residents of Randolph, taxed by the State,	137,540 00
Total valuation,	\$2,652,795 00
Increase over 1874,	40,935 00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

Total debt March 1, 1872,	\$59,909 42
Total debt March 1, 1873, after division of the town,	39,940 90
Total debt March 1, 1874,	37,506 66
Total debt March 1, 1875,	29,315 19
Total debt March 1, 1876,	21,619 45

Rate of taxation, \$14 on \$1,000.

Average rate of taxation through the State, \$14.68 on \$1,000.

Population of Randolph May 1, 1875,	4,064
Males,	2,031
Females,	2,033
Ratable polls,	1,184
Legal voters,	1,058
Number of dwelling-houses,	752
Number of dwelling-houses occupied,	724
Number of dwelling-houses unoccupied,	28
Number of families,	892
Number of horses,	283
Number of cows,	244
Acres of land taxed,	5,853

Population of the State (19 cities, 322 towns),	1,651,912
Males,	794,284
Females,	857,368

Legal voters in the State,	351,066
Population of Norfolk County (24 towns),	88,321

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED
BY THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1876.

Almshouse property,	\$10,500 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
Two fire-engines, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures,	2,125 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres salt marsh,	800 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 5,	1,200 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 6,	1,650 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 8,	6,000 00
Prescott Schoolhouse and land,	15,000 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 10,	5,750 00
Eight shares Randolph National Bank,	1,500 00
Stetson School Fund (par value \$10,600), market value,	12,000 00
Turner Library building and land,	40,000 00
Turner Library,	5,000 00
Turner Library Fund,	5,000 00
Total,	<u>\$132,275 00</u>

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer
amounting to \$28,063 06

On account of schools (teaching, fuel and care of rooms),	7,042 15
Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Repairs and incidental expenses,	1,071 49

On account of repairs on highways,	3,070 25
Removing snow,	359 74
New roads,	1,893 51
Poor in almshouse,	1,758 54
Poor out of almshouse,	1,803 93
Poor belonging to other towns,	519 00
Poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook,	859 26
State paupers and tramps,	364 45
Funeral expenses,	168 00
State aid,	2,563 00
Fire department,	1,876 99
Abatement on taxes,	315 50
Town officers,	1,681 00
Fire inquest,	186 65
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,530 00
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	\$28,063 06

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

By direction of the School Committee for the financial year ending March 1, 1876 (the items of the expenses can be examined by referring to the report of the School Committee),

Paid sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,202 00
Sundry persons for fuel,	460 55
Sundry persons for care of rooms,	379 60
Appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,071 49
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Total,	\$9,113 64

Amount received from the State School Fund,	\$345 70
received from Coddington fund,	143 00
received from Town appropriation,	8,650 00
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Total,	\$9,138 70
Expenditure less than the appropriation and receipts,	\$25 06

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

REPAIRS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SURVEYORS.

DISTRICTS NO. 1 AND 7, JACKSON BELCHER, *Surveyor*.

Paid Jackson Belcher, labor with team, 39 $\frac{7}{10}$ days,	\$149 37
P. A. Wales, labor with team, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	26 00
Richard Adams, labor with team, 3 days,	12 00
Ephraim Wales, labor with team, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	25 00
J. N. Bullock, labor with team, 1 day,	4 00
Zaavan Jordan, labor with team, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	2 00
John Gill, labor, 20 days,	40 00
Daniel A. Elliot, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Thomas Prior, labor, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	38 00
Thomas Brophy, labor, 14 days,	24 72
Thomas McLaughlin, labor, 7 days,	14 00
Mr. McMullin, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Patrick Kiley, labor, 3 days,	6 00
William Gill, labor, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 00
John Cahill, labor, 4 days,	8 00
Timothy M. O'Niel, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Otis Sullivan, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Thomas Prior, jun., labor, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 50
Patrick McLaughlin, labor, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
John Desmond, labor, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	27 00

Paid J. N. Foster, labor, 14 days,	28 00
Marcus M. Hollis, labor, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days,	27 00
Patrick Wren, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Michael Crowley, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Ephraim Wales, labor, 3 days,	7 00
John Wales, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Charles Moore, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 00
Mr. Buckley, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
P. A. Wales, labor, 2 days,	4 00
John Hill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Henry Beals, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Sundry persons, labor, picking stones,	30 00
N. F. Roel, blasting rocks,	50 52
P. A. Wales, for box,	3 50
T. T. Cushman, drain pipe,	2 00
Jackson Belcher, 142 loads gravel,	11 30
M. C. Beal, 155 loads gravel,	15 50
Ellen R. DuBois, 30 loads gravel,	1 80
John Wales, 40 loads gravel,	2 40
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	\$612 61

DISTRICT NO. 3, PRESCOTT E. WILBUR, *Surveyor*.

Paid Prescott E. Wilbur, labor with team, $10\frac{4}{5}$ days,	\$46 20
Elisha Mann, labor with team, $11\frac{2}{5}$ days,	57 40
A. J. Towns, labor with team, $12\frac{2}{5}$ days,	41 38
R. T. & E. M. Mann, labor with team, $3\frac{4}{5}$ days,	19 20
Seth W. Mann, labor with team, $4\frac{9}{10}$ days,	29 40
Ephraim Mann, labor with team, 2 days,	8 00
Charles H. Mann, labor with team, 2 days,	12 00
Prescott E. Wilbur, labor, $35\frac{1}{10}$ days,	69 80
Eugene N. Wilbur, labor, $31\frac{2}{3}$ days,	63 20

Paid John E. Mann, labor, $17\frac{9}{10}$ days,	36 60
Charles Hayden, labor, $9\frac{4}{10}$ days,	18 80
A. J. Nightingale, labor, 7 days,	14 00
William Tillson, labor, $10\frac{4}{10}$ days,	17 08
A. J. Towns, labor, and hand, $5\frac{9}{10}$ days,	19 35
Delazon D. Mann, labor, $12\frac{1}{5}$ days,	24 50
Elisha Mann, labor, 6 days,	18 00
Ansel Mann, labor, $13\frac{4}{5}$ days,	27 60
Stillman Jones, labor, $7\frac{7}{10}$ days,	15 40
Alonzo Tabor, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 50
Benjamin Tabor, labor, 1 day,	1 00
Moses Mann, labor, $3\frac{1}{10}$ days,	6 20
Charles Pope, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 00
Seth Mann, use of scraper,	75
S. W. Mann, plank,	75
William Campbell, repairing tools,	3 07
Anstin Roel and others, labor,	8 07
Sundry persons, bridge stone,	4 50
Ansel Mann, 176 loads gravel,	17 60
T. B. Howard, 133 loads gravel,	13 30
Ephraim Mann, 73 loads gravel,	7 30
Joshua Hunt, 26 loads gravel,	2 60
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	\$612 55

Included in the above, the sum of two hundred dollars was expended on Pond Street by vote of the town.

DISTRICT NO. 6, JOHN S. ABBOTT, *Surveyor*.

Paid John S. Abbott, labor with team, $2\frac{1}{5}$ days,	\$12 50
George W. Abbott, labor with team, $1\frac{1}{4}$ days,	3 25
Elbridge Jones, labor with team, $5\frac{3}{10}$ days,	17 40
Alfred Tucker, labor with team, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,	36 50

Paid Ellis Tucker, labor with team, 1 day,	6 00
Rufus Jones, labor with team, 1 day,	3 50
Adam F. Jones, labor with team, 1 day,	3 00
C. H. Mann, labor with team, 1 day,	5 50
Frederick Miller, labor with two teams, 4 days,	28 00
John S. Abbott, labor, $24\frac{2}{3}$ days,	47 50
Rufus Jones, labor, $16\frac{1}{5}$ days,	30 10
John O'Keefe, labor, 3 days,	6 00
B. O'Keefe, labor, 3 days,	3 00
Michael McGrane, labor, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days,	6 50
Patrick McGrane, labor, 2 days,	3 00
James Sutton, labor, 3 days,	5 00
John Sutton, labor, 4 days,	8 00
James Blythe, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Caleb Tucker, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Anthony Abenzeller, labor, $8\frac{2}{3}$ days,	16 00
Walter Thayer, labor, 9 days,	13 25
Morris Kiley, labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days,	14 75
Robert McAuliff, labor, 3 days,	6 00
Abraham Jones, labor, 4 days,	8 00
Augustus W. Tirrell, labor, 3 days,	4 50
Frederick Miller, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Henry Hayden, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Hiram Faunce, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Alfred Tucker, labor, $6\frac{3}{5}$ days,	12 85
Elbridge Jones, labor, 1 day,	1 50
Charles Eddy, labor, $4\frac{3}{10}$ days,	5 70
George W. Abbott, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	2 00
Sullivan Jones, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 75
Daniel Kiley, blasting rocks,	6 00
Thomas Fardy, labor,	6 60
Sundry persons, labor,	13 96
Guy Manson & Co., iron for railing,	4 36
L. R. Peterson, labor and material,	8 40

Paid N. H. Tirrell, labor,	8 00
Joseph Mann, 153 loads gravel,	7 65
Hiram Faunce, 95 loads gravel,	4 75
John O'Keefe, 224 loads gravel,	11 20
John Manning, 198 loads gravel,	9 90
C. H. Mann, bridge stone,	3 50
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	\$416 37

DISTRICT NO. 5, JEDEDIAH FRENCH, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, labor with team, $10\frac{1}{5}$ days,	\$40 80
A. G. Swain, labor with team, $4\frac{7}{10}$ days,	18 80
Rufus A. Thayer, labor with team, 1 day,	5 00
Jedediah French, labor, $19\frac{7}{10}$ days,	41 65
Noah Chessman, labor, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,	23 00
Lewis Jones, labor, $17\frac{1}{5}$ days,	34 40
Silas Binney, labor, 8 days,	16 00
Daniel Lyons, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Martin L. Eddy, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Columbus Holbrook, labor, $2\frac{9}{10}$ days,	5 80
George W. Burrill, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
John Desmond, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 40
John Gill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Charles M. Holbrook, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 40
William Cunningham, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 40
Sundry persons, labor,	1 00
Royal S. Holbrook, 57 loads gravel,	5 70
Amasa Clark, 75 loads gravel,	7 50
Betsey Littlefield, 11 loads gravel,	1 10
Martin L. Eddy, 147 loads gravel,	14 70
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	\$246 65

DISTRICT NUMBER 10, EDSON M. ROEL, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, labor with team, 11 days,	\$39 40
Ephraim Mann, labor with team, 7 days,	40 00
Josiah Clark, labor with team, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	33 00
A. G. Swain, labor with team, 1 day,	4 00
Royal T. Mann, labor with team, 3 days,	18 00
Jedediah French, labor, $17\frac{7}{10}$ days,	37 65
Edson M. Roel, labor, $13\frac{3}{10}$ days,	39 15
Dennis Sullivan, labor, $6\frac{2}{5}$ days,	13 20
Daniel Lyons, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15 00
Noah Chessman, labor, 7 days,	14 00
Lewis Jones, labor, 11 days,	22 00
Patrick Flood, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Delazon D. Mann, labor, 6 days,	12 00
William Cunningham, labor, $11\frac{7}{10}$ days,	23 40
John Gill, labor, $12\frac{2}{5}$ days,	25 20
Leonard Thayer, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 00
John Cahill, labor, $2\frac{1}{10}$ days,	4 20
Patrick Cahill, labor, $2\frac{1}{10}$ days,	2 10
Patrick Feeney, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Michael O'Keefe, labor, 1 day,	2 00
George Pierce, labor, $3\frac{7}{10}$ days,	7 40
C. M. Holbrook, labor, 2 days,	4 00
John Desmond, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Columbus Holbrook, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Jonathan Hunt, labor, 1 day,	2 00
William H. Smith, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
Sundry persons, labor,	8 45
Town farm, 256 loads gravel,	12 80
Belcher and Prescott, 410 loads gravel,	25 30
Philip Riley, 30 loads gravel,	1 50
Daniel Kiley, 72 loads gravel,	3 60
Patrick Clark, 12 loads gravel,	60
E. A. Allen, 8 loads gravel,	80

 \$437 75

DISTRICT NO. 8, TERRENCE DARGAN, *Surveyor*.

Paid Terrence Dargan, labor with team, 7 days,	\$28 00
Daniel Lahey, labor with team, 5 days,	20 00
James N. Bullock, labor with team, 4 days,	16 00
N. J. Dargan, labor with team, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	18 00
John Desmond, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Timothy M. O'Niel, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Patrick Feeney, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Terrence Dargan, labor, 4 days,	8 00
James F. Dargan, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 00
John Gill, labor, 5 days,	10 00
James Slowey, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15 00
Frank Boyle, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Austin Roel, labor on stone work,	9 00
Sundry persons picking stones,	11 40
Terrence Dargan, posts for railing,	3 25
John Long, 320 loads gravel,	32 00
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	\$219 65

DISTRICT NO. 8, MARTIN P. PIKE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, labor with team, $28\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$114 00
Abram G. Swain, labor with team, $12\frac{3}{10}$ days,	49 80
Daniel Leahy, labor with team, 2 days,	8 00
Martin P. Pike, labor with hands,	15 47
Jedediah French, labor, $25\frac{1}{2}$ days,	51 00
Lewis Jones, labor, $24\frac{1}{2}$ days,	49 00
William Cunningham, labor, 20 days,	40 00
Patrick Flood, labor, 25 days,	50 00
William Smith, labor, 11 days,	22 00
James Lyons, labor, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days,	19 00
Daniel Lyons, labor, 3 days,	6 00

Paid Michael Buckley, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 00
T. M. O'Niel, labor, 4 days,	8 00
John Desmond, labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	11 00
Patrick Wren, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
John Cahill & Son, labor, 1 day,	3 00
George B. Dench, labor, 1 day,	2 00
John Gill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Sundry persons, labor,	5 30
Margaret Donahue, 44 loads gravel,	4 40
Bradford L. Wales, 318 loads gravel,	31 80
John Long, 101 loads gravel,	10 10
Town farm, 56 loads gravel,	5 60
Mr. Murphy, 12 loads gravel,	1 20
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	\$524 67

NEW ROAD FROM MAIN TO WARREN STREET.

Paid Edward B. Bird, as per contract,	\$485 00
Edward B. Bird, extra work,	19 45
N. F. Roel, setting posts and stone work,	50 11
M. M. Alden, labor and material railing,	208 90
E. Beal, surveying, labor and cash paid,	64 55
William Campbell, iron posts for railing,	39 95
D. G. Corliss & Co., stone bounds,	8 00
Sundry bills for gravel, posts, and labor,	17 55
Heirs of Michael Kelly, land damage,	225 00
Royal W. Turner, land damage,	175 00
Old Colony Railroad Co., land damage,	600 00
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	\$1,893 51

Land damage awarded O. H. Leach of
\$60, and Seth T. King and wife of
\$500, has not been called for.

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid A. G. Swain and others,	\$24 55
Royal T. Mann, and others,	58 70
Caleb Tucker, and others,	49 70
Jackson Belcher, and others,	58 20
Jedediah French, and others,	40 70
Terrence Dargan, and others,	31 20
John Long, and others,	53 12
John S. Abbott, and others,	23 28
Prescott E. Wilbur, and others,	10 20
Edson M. Roel, and others,	5 79
Martin P. Pike,	4 30
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	\$359 74

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 56 funerals,	\$168 00
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STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account returned to the State),	\$2,563 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see report of engineers),	\$1,876 99
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ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

Paid Horatio B. Alden, Collector, 1874,	\$41 80
Edson M. Roel, Collector, 1875,	273 70
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	\$315 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Horatio B. Alden, Collector of Taxes, 1874, in part,	\$300 00
Town Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1875,	10 00
Engineers of Fire Department for services to May 1, 1875,	65 00
Nathaniel Howard, services as Sch. Com.,	210 00
M. A. Donovan, services as Sch. Com.,	86 00
J. E. O'Brien, A.M., services as Sch. Committee,	90 00
J. White Belcher, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, in- cluding cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275 00
John T. Flood, services as Selectman, As- sessor, and Overseer of the Poor, in- cluding cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275 00
James A. Tower, services as selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, in- cluding cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275 00
Wm. H. Warren, services as Constable,	25 00
Dr. T. T. Cushman, Physician to Board of Health,	70 00
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	\$1,681 00

FIRE INQUEST.

Paid James A. Tower, Magistrate,	\$60 00
John B. Thayer, Juror,	12 50
John Long, Juror,	12 50

Paid Edson M. Roel, Juror,	11 25
Henry P. Niles, Juror,	12 50
William E. Jewell, Juror and Clerk,	28 70
Henry Smith, Juror,	12 50
William H. Warren, Officer,	17 90
J. N. Bullock, teams,	4 00
Witnesses,	14 80
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	\$186 65

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid James Harris & Co., printing 1,200 Town Reports,	\$185 23
James Harris, printing blanks, notices, &c.,	38 20
Grand Army Post 110, as per vote of Town,	100 00
Rockwell & Churchill, printing voting list, &c.,	37 50
H. C. Alden, copying town valuation for the State,	15 00
John Long, for snow plough,	23 00
Town of Randolph, for salt grass,	17 25
Special police for July 3, 4, 5, 6, 1875,	70 00
William H. Warren, Jun., night police,	84 00
William F. McMahon, night police,	84 00
C. A. Wales, stove and funnel for lock-up,	19 26
W. H. Smith, charcoal for lock-up,	8 00
D. H. Huxford, printing,	83 50
William Campbell, varnishing hearse,	18 00
A. J. Gove, express and cash paid,	17 35
Ephraim Mann, wood for Selectmen's room,	14 00
John G. Poole, postage,	6 75
J. White Belcher, insurance,	106 35
Seth Mann, 2d, insurance,	79 70
Royal W. Turner, insurance,	73 00

Paid J. N. Bullock, teams on Town business,	23 00
Colin Boyd, care of Selectmen's room,	27 07
John O'Keefe, wood, Selectmen's room,	3 00
Chas. H. Nichols, distributing Town reports,	2 50
J. T. Cartwright, distributing Town reports,	2 50
John Long, lumber for railing,	4 63
M. R. Warren, books and stationery,	26 65
G. A. Burrell & Drummond, labor on lock-up,	8 00
Comstock & Cline, Norfolk County Atlas,	10 00
Register of Deeds,	2 00
J. B. Rhines, lumber.	2 16
Sundry bills for services, &c.,	28 18
Doane & Greenough, books and stationery,	29 47
N. Noyes, Jun., labor and material,	8 00
William B. Hathaway, entertainment for County Commissioners and Town Officers,	23 25
William B. Hathaway, entertainment for guests at Dedication of Library building,	170 00
Union Quartette Club, services,	20 00
Randolph Brass Band,	50 00
Colin Boyd, care of Hall,	9 50
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	\$1,530 00

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ON the first day of May, 1875, Mr. Martin P. Pike was appointed Superintendent of the Almshouse, and the Overseers of the Poor take this opportunity to publicly express their approbation of the faithful and efficient manner in which he, as well as Mrs. Pike, the Matron, have discharged their respective duties since they have had the care and management of the institution. The whole number supported during the year ending March 1, 1875, was sixteen; for the year ending March 1, 1876, twenty-five; and while the number of inmates has largely increased over the previous year, the total expense for their support has largely diminished.

The general depression in business during the past year or more, and which still continues, has thrown many persons out of employment, who are unable to keep themselves and families from starvation without some assistance; and such persons have been furnished with supplies to a greater extent than usual, during the past year.

Names of persons supported in the Almshouse during the year ending March 1, 1876 :—

Polly Copeland,	Emery Delano,
Eunice Delano,	* Thomas Stevens,
Betsy Eddy,	John D. Lahey,

* Refunded.

Ellen Kennedy,	* Garrett Noonan,
† Kate C. Curran,	† Joseph Hunt,
† Mrs. John Flayhive,	† James F. Ward,
Mary F. Veazie,	† Harry F. Ward,
Rowena Sylvester,	Clarence Veazie,
Catharine Condon,	Edward Barry,
Mary Barry,	John E. Mann,
Hannah Barry,	Patrick Fencer,
Peter Reardon,	John Fencer.
Keliah Kennedy,	

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMS- HOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Mace Gay, as superintendent, to May 1, 1875,	\$83 33
Martin P. Pike as superintendent to March 1, 1876,	416 67
T. J. Hill, groceries,	184 03
D. B. White & Co., groceries,	183 04
N. E. Buck, groceries,	14 35
P. H. Prior, fish,	14 10
Josiah Clark, meat,	106 43
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	166 05
J. White Belcher, grain and meal,	180 15
D. A. Brayton, flour,	42 00
N. Rosenfeld, clothing,	79 33
Joseph McMullen, clothing,	9 38
L. Hofferma, clothing,	10 54
Sidney French, shoes,	28 35
Thomas Devine, two shoats,	10 00
Heirs of William Cole, pasturage,	16 00
Israel P. Beal, washing machine,	8 00
Alfred Hale, rubber sheets,	5 00

* Refunded.

† Discharged.

Paid Aaron Mann, posts and rails,	2 78
William Cunningham, labor,	6 50
Leonard Thayer, labor,	4 50
L. R. Peterson, labor and material,	9 52
M. M. Alden, labor and material,	2 93
John B. Thayer, labor and material,	12 85
M. P. Pike, supplies and cash paid,	22 50
William Campbell, labor and material,	49 15
George Fowkes, repairing harness,	2 25
A. J. Gove, express and cash paid,	5 70
J. E. Nash, clock,	4 00
Sundry bills for support of poor,	15 00
C. A. Wales, repairs and supplies,	16 51
Franklin Porter, medicine,	6 85
Ephraim Mann, labor with team,	4 50
Dr. W. M. Babbitt, medical attendance,	19 25
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	17 00

\$1,758 54

Cr. by cash paid Treasurer, for labor, board, and produce sold, and bills due,	\$760 52
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Net expense of supporting poor in Almshouse,	\$998 02
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RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Packard, board,	\$100 00
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EDWIN AND MARY CHESSMAN.

Paid Samuel Chessman, board,	\$156 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	4 50

\$160 50

STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Paid board and clothing, Triphena Niles,	\$160 41
board and clothing, Levi L. Holbrook,	194 15
board and clothing, Joseph Hunt,	28 65
board and clothing, John Carey,	33 00
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	\$416 21

STATE WORKHOUSE.

Paid board for James Forest,	\$52 00
Paid for Elias Cole,	\$15 00
Isaac Clark and family,	79 50
Lysander P. Holbrook and family,	12 38
Mrs. Patrick McKay,	10 00
Mrs. Asa Morton,	34 00
Nathan Hollis,	2 00
Jonathan W. Sylvester and family,	50 59
George M. Sylvester,	14 10
John Fencer,	13 25
Mrs. James Rielly,	10 25
Franklin Jones and family,	76 00
Rose Kenney and family,	13 50
John Welch and family,	39 00
Bradford W. Sylvester and family,	25 00
Mrs. Richard Carey and family,	118 20
John D. Lahey,	10 00
William Stetson,	64 75
James Holbrook,	20 00
Leonard Thayer,	7 00
Margaret Kennedy,	24 25
Mrs. William Grady and family,	160 45
Mrs. William Barry and family,	77 50
John Farquer and family,	89 50
Mrs. Cornelius Foley and family,	76 00
Sundry persons relief,	29 00
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	\$1,075 22

Total expense of supporting poor out of Alms-house,	\$1,803 53
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RELIEF OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Miles E. Pulsom, Boston,	\$20 00
Nelson Langley and family, Braintree,	10 50
Abel F. Farrington, Stoughton,	10 00
Kate C. Curran, Peabody,	13 00
Frederick A. Thayer, Milton,	20 00
Addison Faunce, Stoughton,	89 00
Edmund Burke, Foxborough,	45 50
Lucius H. Hollis, Holbrook,	138 00
Catharine Curtis, Holbrook,	120 00
Mrs. John Flayhive, Easthampton,	53 00
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	\$519 00

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.

Paid for Winfield S. Weathee,	\$17 50
Henry M. Thayer,	105 49
Stillman H. Leavitt,	8 00
Mrs. J. C. Buckley and family,	216 00
William Whitten,	10 00
Thomas Alexander,	5 00
Mary Mullins,	18 48
Ellen O'Gormon,	16 10
Albert Howard,	10 00
Frederick Hill,	10 00
Christianna Sloan and family,	152 00
Mrs. John E. Mann,	40 50
Mrs. William Taunt,	72 00

Paid for William H. Simpson and family,	67 25
Rose Murphy and family,	36 50
John Maloney and family,	74 44
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	\$859 26

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid William H. Warren for 922 tramps committed to lock-up,	230 50
D. B. White & Co., supplies for lock-up,	103 95
R. W. Turner, coal for lock-up,	17 00
Colin Boyd, care of room for tramps,	13 00
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	\$364 45

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the financial year ending March 1, 1876, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly kept and with proper vouchers.

FRANK MORTON,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
FRANKLIN PORTER,	
EDGAR HOWARD,	

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1876.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, ETC.,

MARCH 1, 1876.

1 horse,	\$200 00
2 cows,	80 00
13 hens,	10 00
2 pigs,	50 00
12 tons hay,	200 00
1 horse cart,	65 00
1 farm wagon,	65 00
1 sled,	3 00
1 stone drag and chain,	5 00
3 harnesses,	25 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
3 scythes and snaths,	4 00
3 rakes,	1 00
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
7 shovels and 1 spade,	6 00
2 plows,	6 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	2 50
1 saw horse,	75
4 hoes,	1 25
2 axes, 2 hatchets, 1 bill-hook,	5 00
1 churn,	2 00
1 boiler,	2 00
60 bushels potatoes,	30 00
65 lbs. hard soap,	6 50

1½ barrels soft soap,	9 00
2 lbs. coffee,	50
4 lbs. chocolate,	2 00
½ bushel beans,	40
30 gallons molasses,	15 00
20 lbs. sugar,	2 00
¾ barrel flour,	6 00
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
18 navy blankets,	14 00
12 blue mixed blankets,	8 00
6 colored spreads,	6 00
4 comforters,	6 00
7 feather beds,	56 00
13 under beds,	20 00
34 single sheets,	15 00
9 double sheets,	5 00
23 pillow-cases,	10 00
16 feather pillows,	9 00
15 towels,	2 00
Table-cloths,	5 00
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining-tables,	15 00
5 light-stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash barrel, sifter, hod, and shovel,	4 00
Cooking-stove and furniture,	25 00
6 flatirons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 wood-saw,	1 25
Steelyards,	1 50
Clothes-wringer,	5 00
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
4 cords wood,	22 00

2½ tons coal,	20 00
400 pounds pork,	35 00
Washing machine,	8 00
60 pounds lard,	6 00
5 pounds butter,	2 00
9 lamps,	4 50
15 flour barrels,	2 00
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	\$1,346 15

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1876.

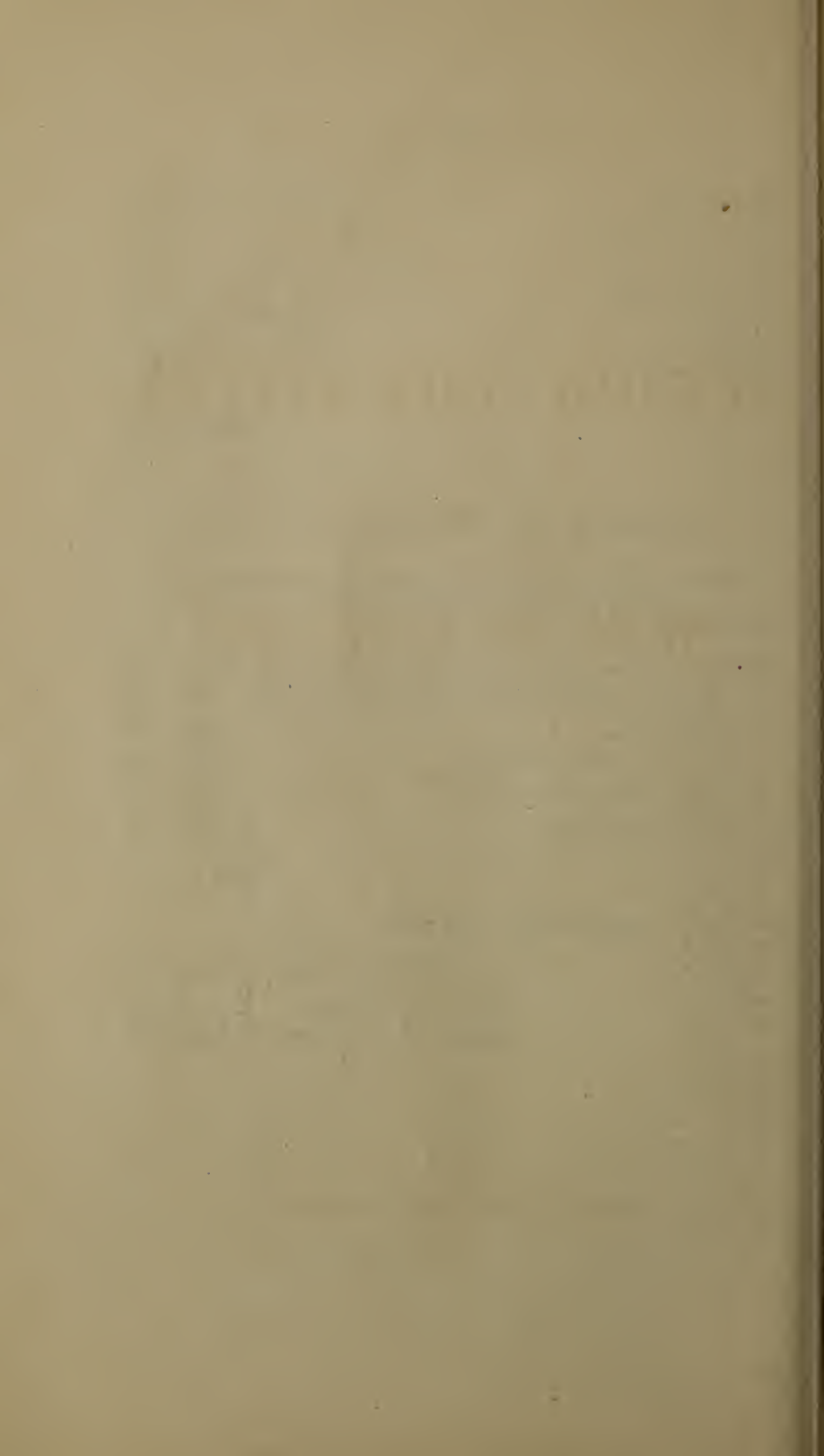
The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the Town : —

For Schools (see report of School Committee),	\$6,850 00
Repairs, furniture, and incidental expenses,	750 00
Highways,	3,000 00
General Town expenses,	8,000 00
Reduction of Town debt,	3,000 00
Fire Department,	1,800 00
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	\$23,400 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN T. FLOOD,	
JAMES A. TOWER,	

of
Randolph.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

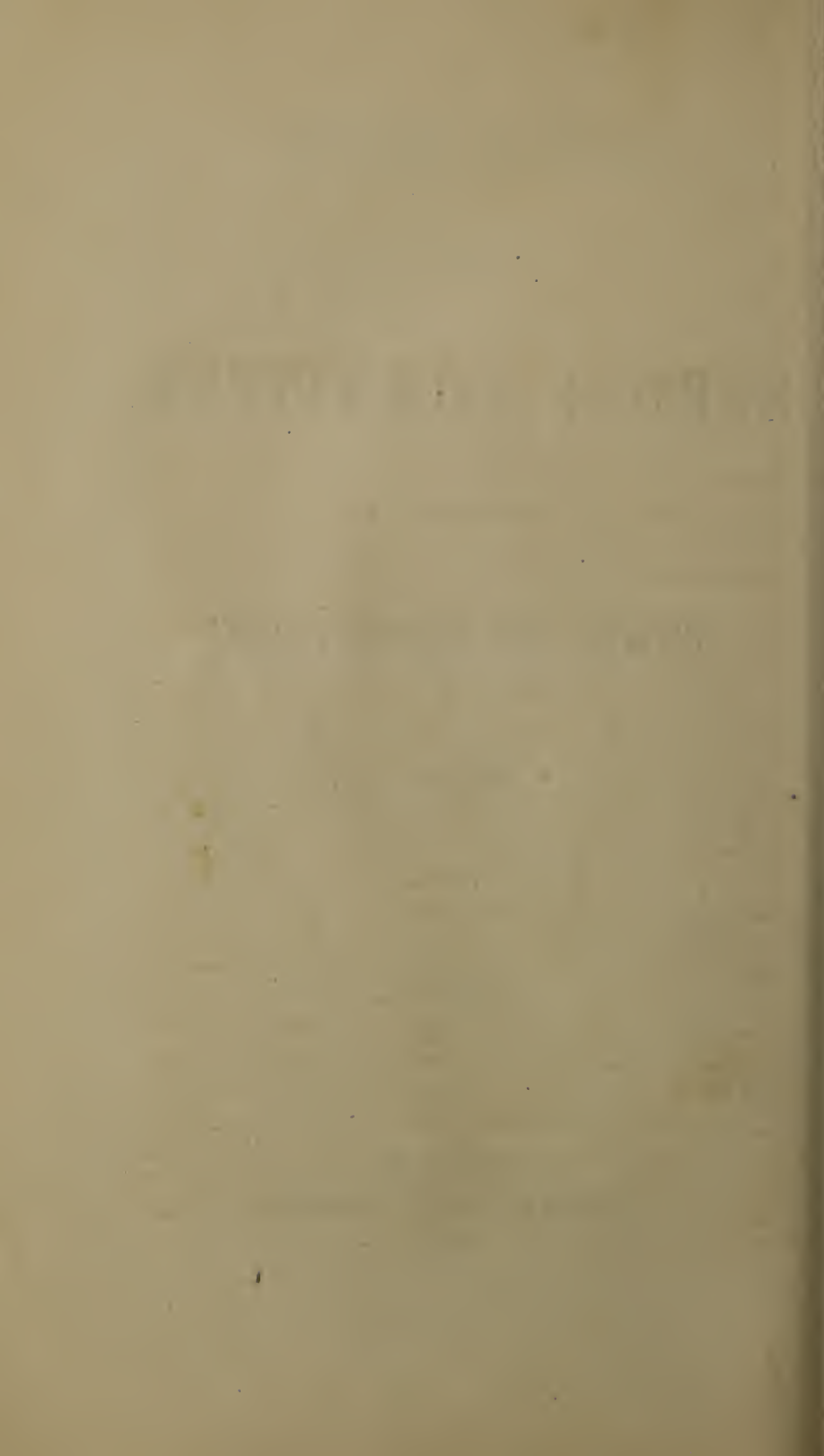
OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1875-76.



RANDOLPH:
NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTER.
1876.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE SELECTMEN AND INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN.

THIS being the Centennial year, the hundredth birthday of our national existence, the year which has been so eagerly expected, and for the glorious celebration of which such extensive preparations have been made, we sincerely trust it will be a marked year in the history of the schools of Randolph.

How natural it is for a child to welcome his birthday, and invite his companions to make merry? How natural for parents to rejoice on the birthdays of their children, and contribute some little present, cherished souvenirs of their love and affection? Nations are but children of the household we call the World, and if we cannot induce them all to attend our Centennial festivities, it will be because the paternal domain is too large, and the individual members too widely separated. No doubt the report of the school committee will be expected to be in harmony with the spirit of the times. The world is advancing in knowledge. Gigantic strides are being made annually in the sciences and fine arts, and we are expected to contribute our share to the cause of universal advancement. Our children are to be the future citizens of this great republic, and we ardently desire that every opportunity should be afforded them, of receiving a good, sound, practical education, in order to be well prepared for the important duties of after-life.

With these few preliminary remarks, the committee respectfully submit the following report: —

We will endeavor to give a brief account of each school, the buildings, surroundings, &c., hoping a report of this kind will be the one most acceptable to the majority of our citizens. First in order comes No. 1, situated in the southern part of the town, nearest to the village of East Stoughton. The building is pleasantly located. The grounds, though hardly spacious enough for recreation, are supplemented by large tracts of land, apparently never touched by the share of the husbandman, and affording a fine opportunity for the study of "nature unadorned." Here the youthful scholar, like the opening bud just beginning to expand its tender leaves, may imbibe true knowledge from the book of Nature, which with

" One impulse from the vernal wood
 May teach him more of man,
 Of moral evil and of good,
 Than all the sages can."

The description we give of No. 1, is alike applicable to many of the other schools. In their vicinity may be found variety of hill and dale, sunny plots and shady haunts, grassy lawns, and groves of variegated beauty. Formerly there were two schools in No. 1, the building being well adapted for the same, as it is two stories high, and otherwise large enough for a good-sized room on each floor. Now one room is found sufficient to accommodate the wants of this district, and in consequence the room on the lower floor remains unoccupied. Sometimes, however, the present school numbers more than it should, because scholars living nearer the central district attend here. Former committees allowed the children this privilege, no doubt acting in accordance with the then existing circumstances. But whatever may have been the occasion here-

tofore, we are decidedly of the opinion, that the necessity of granting this privilege no longer exists. We wish therefore to have it distinctly understood, that in future all those children who live in District No. 2, will be expected to attend that school. We are convinced this will be for the best interests of all, and hope the parents will co-operate with us in this regard. Miss M. W. Boyd taught here the greater part of the year, but resigned before the end of the term. To finish out the term, we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. George O. Smith. Many of the children here have good abilities, and are all pretty well advanced for their age. Some few have not been as well behaved as we could desire, but we expect an improvement in the time to come. A few weeds sometimes destroys the appearance of an otherwise beautiful garden. When the weeds are removed, beauty is restored. The time may come when we will have two schools in good standing in this building; but unless the town and times improve more rapidly than present appearances warrant us to suppose, we must set that period in the far-off future.

Number 2, more familiarly known by the title of the "Central District," occupies a position in which we would naturally expect to find good schools, large schools, and a great number of schools; and, in fact, we are not disappointed by the absence of any of these characteristics. It contains two large buildings, and no less than eight schools, — four in each, — all full of life, and hurrying on through their various stages of transmigration the objects of their solicitude. There are also three other rooms, that might be utilized if the number of schools required it, one in the basement of the "*old building*," as it is called, and two in the Prescott School. The latter are excellent rooms, but we could ill spare but one of them, as we have appropriated the other for an office for the school-com-

mittee. We also keep here, under the care of Mr. West, all the books used by the children. For the experience of other towns, and our own thus far, has convinced us of certain advantages it possesses over other methods of supplying books.

The "old building" is occupied by four schools, all primary, averaging about one hundred and ninety scholars. The first is taught by Miss Isabelle G. Driscoll, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School. She has been in charge nearly two years, and has accomplished a great deal. Her school numbers about sixty members. She has devoted to it such assiduous care, that we have been loath to transfer her to a higher school, which might be considered more honorable, but which would be far less difficult and burdensome.

In the Second Primary, Miss Mary E. Wren, a graduate of the Stetson High School, has just completed her first term. As a teacher, she has toiled hard, and with good success, taking great interest in the advancement of her scholars, who have accordingly improved in order and application. We feel convinced, she promises to become a very efficient worker in the school-room. The Third Primary is a very compact little school, somewhat crowded, however, on account of the desks being placed too near together, when they were removed from another room. But this very compactness is suggestive of the perfect control of the teacher, and the union of interests existing between herself and the children. Miss Katie E. Sheridan has had the school in charge two terms. She is a native of Randolph, and before teaching here, manifested more than ordinary self-reliance, by applying for, and obtaining, a school in the town of Holliston. She taught there to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, who gave her the best recommendations, and expressed great regret on losing so valuable a teacher. We cheerfully add our testimony

to theirs, and hope the day will be far distant that will sever her connection with our public schools.

The Fourth Primary is Miss Emma D. Stetson's school, who has been teaching in the lower rooms of this building a number of years, and is a graduate of the Stetson High School. At the commencement of last term, being promoted to this school, many of the scholars were very troublesome, and between them and the teacher there was a much-contested field. Some of the children preferred their own whims to the discipline of the school, but the teacher, making no compromise, at length succeeded in compelling the malcontents to yield. Now they are as docile and studious as could be expected, many of them being prepared to pass to the next higher grade.

The Prescott School takes the scholars from the "old building," and, by successive steps, at last brings them to Mr. West's room, where they are supposed to spend two years, and which terminates their common school career. Those of ordinary ability, are expected to advance a room each year, but many, alas! like weary and disheartened travellers, tarry so long by the way-side, as never to reach the wished-for goal. And how does this happen? It is not so much on account of any great diversity of talent, as on account of the irregularity of attendance, and the lack of proper encouragement on the part of parents. This encouragement by parents we regard as one of the essentials of a well-regulated school. But perhaps some may say, do not all parents rejoice at their children's progress? Are they not anxious that their children should be well-educated, in order to prepare for the busy scenes of after-life? Do they not make many sacrifices to secure this precious boon? We admit, that for the great majority of parents, these questions may all be answered in the affirmative. But, on the other hand, we would simply ask if it looks like proper encouragement, for many parents

to allow their children to be absent half days and half weeks at a time, for very trivial causes, to give them particular instructions to come home when school is half over, to send them late day after day, and always to suppose that the children's accounts of school matters are all right, and every-body else's all wrong? We sincerely hope some of the parents will ponder well over these matters, and endeavor, for the future, to do a little more towards the encouragement of order and discipline in our schools.

The Second Intermediate, with which the Prescott School commences, is taught by Mrs. A. E. Upham, a teacher of long experience, and marked ability. The children, though not so numerous as last year, have been well and carefully instructed, and are bright and very ambitious of promotion. The examination papers show, a great improvement over any thing we had from them before. This is the first school we require to pass written examinations.

The First Intermediate is taught by Miss Annie Veazie, a graduate of Stetson High School, and a teacher of much experience and practical skill. A visit to this school any time after work has commenced, convinces one that discipline and good order are the rules, and not the exceptions. The majority of the children here have made good progress during the year. Some few, however, as if to prove the truth of the rule about exceptions, have done as near nothing as they well could, and have been only a drag to the others. To promote them would be like offering a reward for laziness, and a little longer rest by the wayside, will give them more strength, when they are ready to resume their onward journey. Another step brings us to the Sub-Grammar School, in care of Miss Sarah E. Shankland, a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, who has taught more years in Randolph than any other teacher.

Number of years, with the responsibilities of one profession, has not at all induced remissness in the performance of duty, as is so apt to be the case with all classes, in the different avocations of life. The attendance of many of the children has been very intermittent, which, added to the fact that the number has been smaller, and not quite so well matured, the whole as a school will hardly bear the close scrutiny it otherwise might. Indeed, the tendency is somewhat similar to that of ordinary years getting ahead of the sun, which renders it necessary to throw in an extra day once in a while. The children are, also, as they pass from one grade to another, getting a little ahead of time in regard to the rooms, but not in the standing of those who preceded them. The difference is hardly perceptible in the lower, but is readily detected in the upper rooms. The remedy seems to be the same as astronomers employ; viz., to throw in an extra term occasionally. This measure would be as beneficial in the proper regulation of the school as of the year.

Mr. West is in the Grammar School, and stands in such high repute, that many think their children, by spending two years here, obtain education enough to meet all the wants of ordinary positions in life. Perhaps the most prominent feature of this school, which must be readily perceived by all who visit it, is the close attention and great diligence of both teacher and pupils. Many of our other schools would be benefited if modelled after it. For, where each scholar is kept constantly employed, many unpleasant altercations are avoided, and the pernicious fruits of indolence unknown. Generally there are two respectable classes, one in its first, the other in its second year. For most of the present year, nearly all the scholars in this room were members of the second class, there being only two members in the first class. This circumstance, however, operated greatly to the advantage of the school, as

it gave the scholars the benefit of the constant and undivided attention of the teacher.

The next District we meet is No. 4, though not the number we naturally look for on parting No. 2. We suppose the reason for this is, because the ordinal arrangement of our districts was broken up, when the town was divided. It has but one building, which is quite large, capable of accommodating four schools, the number kept there up to the present time. Miss Cora F. May, teacher of the First Primary School, has just finished a second term with better success, we believe, than any one who had it previously in charge. This school does not continue uninterruptedly like the others, but comes into requisition from time to time, depending for its existence on the attendance in the next higher school, to which it serves as an outlet.

The next is Miss Antoinette T. Smith's school. Though not a graded school, it is to all intents and purposes, as well arranged, classified, and cared for, as a graded school could be; for Miss Smith has such individual and original tact and skill for order, that she readily discovers anomalies, and applies appropriate remedies instinctively; and for like reasons her school is one of the very best in town. Miss Alice A. Smith holds the next position, her school ranging to suit the particular wants of the district, from Sub-Grammar inclusive, through First and Second Intermediate. Like the former school we look upon it as being almost as good as a graded school. It has but three classes, and nearly all the graded schools find it necessary to have two divisions. We have not another school that will bear so severe a test as this, in regard to the regularity of attendance, and perfect acquaintance with the studies pursued. The room is not over spacious, and has, many times during the year, been tried to its utmost capacity. This is owing to the plan of the building, which gives to the upper room as much space as both the lower rooms,

and was, perhaps, in keeping with the wants of the times in which it was built ; but at present it does not seem the best arrangement. A small room renders it easier for the teacher to keep strict watch over the children, but is difficult to keep properly heated and ventilated, while a very large room, is not without faults in the other extreme. The rooms in the Prescott building, as regards dimensions, come nearer the proper size than any we have in town.

The fourth and last school in this building is a grammar school, and has been in care of Mr. A. N. Fuller since the beginning of the Fall term. Mr. Fuller is a graduate of Harvard College, and was chosen from twenty-three applicants, who responded to our advertisement last August, and underwent an examination. He has materially improved the condition of the school. The only trouble seems to arise from the smallness of the number in attendance. Indeed, the question sometimes presents itself, what should be done, if this number should grow any less ? It is hardly prudent to keep a school at great expense for a small number of scholars, that, perhaps, might be accommodated as well elsewhere. We will wait, however, and see how the recruits come forward, hoping they may increase the present number.

No. 3 is the district that imparts knowledge to the rising talent of what is known as West Corner. It has for a teacher Miss Anne M. Wilde, who also studied at Bridgewater Normal School, and is an able worker in her present position. We have not many Normal School graduates employed as teachers ; but if we can judge of all by those we know, we think, with many others, those who propose to teach would do well to attend the Normal School. Last year quite a respectable class, both in numbers and standing, were admitted to the Grammar School, most of whom have continued under Mr. Fuller's instruction, and show they had been previously well trained.

The building, at one time, had two schools; but, like No. 1, the second outgrew its usefulness. The building is not so good as some of the others. The lowness of the ceiling detracts much from its interior appearance. If we could in any way take in part of the other room (for both are on the same floor), it would be a great improvement. But, as no one complains, we do not purpose making any alteration for the present.

To get to the building belonging to District No. 5, we must go away down North Street. The teacher is Miss Isabelle C. Beal, who, we believe, has been employed there ever since she began to teach. She is a graduate of Stetson High School, and seems to do her utmost to promote the best interests of the children. The children, however, do not all show so great a desire as we could wish to correspond, and, while they have an opportunity, to cull those flowers of thought, whose beauty never fades, and to whose fragrance, time only adds a redolence, ever dearer and sweeter. The building is well located, and one of the best we have for a single school.

Tower Hill District is No. 6. It still maintains its two schools, in spite of the changes brought about by the abolition of the old district school system. Miss Emma H. King, also a graduate of Stetson High School, has taught the Primary School, which is ungraded, some years with good results.

Miss Sarah V. Wilde is teacher of the Intermediate school. She has also taught here a period of years, and given satisfaction. If there is any school in town that shows more than another what we have alluded to above, of the children's grade having a tendency to outstrip their age and acquirements, it is this. The building occupies a site well adapted for school purposes. It is in pretty fair condition, much after the architectural style of No. 1.

With a few remarks on topics of general interest, we

conclude our report for 1876. We cannot altogether coincide with those who do not see the propriety of having maps hung around the school-room, and think their banishment must have been brought about by improved facilities for publishing the same. And the plea brought forward is, the children can acquire the skill of map-drawing so easily, there is no need of having these parallelograms, so typical of the old-style school, suspended from the walls. This reminds us of the artist, who would not allow beautiful paintings to adorn his parlor, because he possessed the skill of producing them at will. Besides, when we consider how greatly the study of geography is promoted by an intimate acquaintance with the location of places, and that maps are almost our only mediums for conveying this knowledge, that school-life is too short, and other branches too important, to neglect for geography, such important aids as maps, we think, should always be found on the walls of our school-rooms.

We think the town should be congratulated on possessing a very efficient corps of teachers. They have toiled hard during the past year, and we hope will continue their good work with unabated diligence during our centennial year. We desire that SUNSHINE should be an essential element in the school-life of the children; that good manners and good morals should enter into their very being; and we think our citizens should regard any expense as small, which secures to their children such lasting and beneficial results.

DRAWING.

The law of our State makes the art of drawing a *required* study in all the schools of the Commonwealth. It has already been quite generally introduced throughout the State. If we would not be behind other towns in this

respect, and deprive *our* children of advantages that *they* enjoy, let us comply with this requirement of our statutes, and at once give the study of this useful branch of education to our children in the schools. The committee have accordingly decided that, hereafter, drawing shall form a part of the study in all our schools. All teachers and pupils will be expected to conform to this rule.

No teacher need be dismayed at this; for any one who is competent to teach school, can teach drawing. Prof. Walter Smith, Director of Art Education for Massachusetts, has prepared a series of drawing-cards and books for Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and High Schools; each series being accompanied by a Teacher's Manual, giving all needed instructions. Our teachers, by giving proper attention to the subject, with the aid of these manuals, will find no serious difficulty in teaching drawing. Each teacher's table will be furnished with the manual, and scholars will be supplied with an outfit at introduction prices. The expense for each scholar will be trifling. All arrangements will be made at the opening of the spring term.

At the opening of the Fall term the committee decided to furnish the scholars with their books; and, in accordance with this decision, placed a small stock, which has been replenished from time to time in the Prescott House, under the charge of its faithful and efficient teacher, T. H. West, who has dispensed them as they were called for, from day to day holding each teacher responsible for every book received into his or her school; and at the close of each term the teacher is presented with a bill, and called upon to make payment,—the money passing through the hands of the committee into the town treasury.

The result has proved satisfactory thus far, giving parents and guardians, and the tax-payers the advantage of a discount that they have not hitherto been favored with; and we hope the plan may be continued so long as

it may be properly looked after, and the interests of the town guarded.

Amount of bills for books purchased		
since Sept. 1, 1875		\$342 00
Cash received and paid into Town		
Treasury	\$167 79	
Books on hand	141 51	309 30
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Cost of books furnished to poor children, and for the desks,		\$32 70

By the census return last May, the whole number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, was 901. Of these, our School Registers give as the greatest number in attendance at any one time, 707; and the greatest average attendance of this number 585, not including those who attend Stetson High School.

The number attending under five years of age was fourteen; and the number over fifteen years was seventeen. The cost to the town of each registered scholar was about \$11.50.

There were employed in the schools during the year twenty-one different teachers; and the average length of time to each school was 9 and $\frac{6}{17}$ th months.

We have made only needed repairs upon our school-houses the past year; but have been obliged to increase the pay of teachers in a few instances, and have established one additional school; yet have been so fortunate as to keep within the appropriation, so willingly and promptly voted us last spring, and show a surplus (after adding the money from the State, and the small amount from town funds) of more than two hundred dollars.

For the year ensuing we would recommend the following appropriations: —

For Teaching	\$6,000 00
Fuel	450 00
Care of rooms	400 00
Incidental	750 00
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	\$7,600 00

NATHANIEL HOWARD,	} <i>School</i>
M. A. DONNOVAN,	
JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A.M.,	

Committee.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1875-76.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	\$1,000 00
A. N. Fuller, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ months,	537 50
Walter Hoxie, 3 months,	292 50
G. O. Smith, 4 weeks,	48 00
Mrs. A. E. Upham, 38 weeks,	342 00
Miss Sarah E. Shankland, 1 year,	450 00
Miss Isabelle G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	250 00
Miss Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	250 00
Miss Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	238 00
Miss A. L. White, 13 weeks,	112 00
Miss Isabel C. Beal, 38 weeks,	253 00
Miss S. V. Wilde, 38 weeks,	300 00
Miss Anne M. Wilde, 38 weeks,	304 00
Miss Alice A. Smith, 38 weeks,	350 00
Miss Antoinette T. Smith, 38 weeks,	325 00
Miss Nellie F. Thayer, 26 weeks,	182 00
Miss Margaret W. Boyd, 35 weeks,	252 00
Miss Annie Veazie, 38 weeks,	351 00
Miss Katie E. Sheridan, 25 weeks,	200 00
Miss Cora F. May, 25 weeks,	100 00
Miss Mary E. Wren, 13 weeks,	65 00
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	\$6,202 00
Paid appropriation for Stetson High School,	\$1,000 00

FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., 35 tons coal,	\$383 75
R. T. & E. M. Mann, wood,	7 50
Royal T. Mann, wood,	18 75
William H. Smith, charcoal,	36 30
Sundry persons, cutting wood,	14 25
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	\$460 55

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$205 00
Lawrence Ormsby, •	57 45
Galen Hollis,	54 00
Charles Piper,	20 20
Clarence Beal,	22 50
Charles E. Bump,	20 45
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	\$379 60

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-
HOUSES, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ginn Brothers, school-books,	\$ 35 02
J. L. Hammett, school-books, pens, maps, &c.,	181 27
Potter, Ainsworth, & Co., school-books,	66 60
Knight, Adams, & Co., school-books,	32 40
Brewer & Tileston, school-books,	65 05
Franklin Porter, school-books,	28 31
Annie Veazie, school-books,	1 80
A. C. Stockin, school-books,	5 23
Carter, Rice, & Co., paper,	17 90
D. B. White & Co., dusters, brooms, &c.,	35 06
R. W. Turner & Co., supplies,	75 25
W. G. Shattuck, furniture,	38 50

Paid James F. Dargan, taking census of children,	15 00
Lincoln & Hopkinson, mats, brooms, pails, and brushes,	23 50
D. H. Huxford, printing,	29 00
G. H. & C. Prescott, paper and pails,	1 70
J. B. Rhines, lumber,	23 64
Winslow Alden, labor and material,	86 16
John S. Abbott, labor grading school-house yards,	34 26
Jedediah French, labor grading school- house yards,	30 87
C. A. Wales, stoves and repairs,	83 53
James E. Nash, call bells,	6 43
A. W. Wheeler, chair cushions,	15 00
Margaret Riley, cleaning houses,	26 00
Mrs. William Shields, cleaning houses,	7 00
Mrs. Moses Mann, cleaning houses,	3 50
Patrick Feeney, labor,	14 40
Mrs. William Grady, labor,	5 50
Maynard & Noyes, ink,	3 00
N. Howard, fares and expenses in procur- ing teachers,	4 30
J. B. Thayer, labor and material,	5 50
A. J. Gove, express, and cash paid,	18 09
R. Houghton, repairing settees,	19 50
R. T. Mann, labor and material,	1 97
Ephraim Wales, grading yard,	1 25
Walter M. Howard, labor,	1 00
William Campbell, repairs,	1 00
William D. Barrows, use of well,	3 00
John Wales, use of well, three years,	13 00
Lawrence Hayes, use of well,	3 00
George W. Jones, use of well,	3 00
Patrick Feeney, use of well,	6 00

\$1,071 49

Included in the above is cash refunded to Town

Treasurer, on account of school-books sold,	\$167 79
Stock of books on hand,	141 51
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	\$309 30

TOTAL EXPENSE FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,202 00
appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,000 00
fuel,	460 55
care of schoolrooms,	379 60
incidental expenses,	1,071 49
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Total,	\$9,113 64

Respectfully,

NATHANIEL HOWARD, <i>Chairman,</i>	} <i>School</i>
M. A. DONNOVAN,	
JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A.M.,	
	<i>Committee.</i>

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

The Stetson School Fund of ten thousand six hundred dollars (\$10,600) remains invested in the following banks ; viz. : —

10 shares Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	\$1,000
10 shares Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Hide & Leather Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Shoe & Leather Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Exchange Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Boylston Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Tremont Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
20 shares Old Boston Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
13 shares Shawmut Bank, Boston (par),	1,300
13 shares Randolph Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300
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	\$10,600

The annexed financial account furnishes a correct statement of the receipts and expenditures for the current year : —

The school commenced April 19, 1875, under the charge of Mr. V. H. Deane, as principal, and Miss Amelia M. Clifton, as assistant, with a membership of seventy-three scholars, — thirty-four boys and thirty-nine girls, — fifty of whom were admitted upon written examination at that time. At the commencement of the fall term six others — one boy

and five girls — were admitted, under Article 2d of the By-Laws, being found qualified, upon written examination, to enter existing classes, they filling the room to its utmost seating capacity. The average attendance for the year has been $68\frac{3}{10}$, and the school has been in session two hundred days, or forty school weeks.

The death of Hannah E. Leahey, a promising member of the first class, occurred on the sixteenth of September last, causing much sorrow in the school, and is here alluded to with feelings of regret and sympathy.

The Trustees deem it but just to say that the teachers have labored with faithfulness and untiring industry in the discharge of their duties, and that commendable progress has been made by the pupils in the studies pursued.

The attention of the parents and friends of the pupils is again called to the duty of more frequently visiting the school, that they may become personally acquainted with its condition, and thereby render that encouragement to both pupils and teachers which such manifestation of interest would afford. This the Trustees feel they have a right to demand from those whose interest they are laboring to subserve, and indulge the hope that their wishes in the matter may not go unheeded in the future, as has been almost entirely the case in the past. The practice of the most rigid economy has not enabled the Trustees to carry on the school, and meet the demands for the proper care of Stetson Hall and other necessary expenses, from the resources at their command, by nearly one hundred dollars, from the fact that these have been less productive than usual. The dividends upon some of the stocks have diminished, and the removal of the Randolph Bank from our rooms has entirely cut off that source, they still remaining unoccupied, whilst the receipts for the use of Stetson Hall have been much less than formerly.

The previous school year closed under disadvantages

arising from a balance of nearly four hundred dollars against the treasury, as shown by the report of that year, which the town, at its last annual meeting, liberally undertook to provide for by an appropriation of one thousand dollars, believing that sum sufficient to cover the deficit and meet the demands of the school for the then ensuing year. This belief, we regret, has not been fully realized for reasons already given.

The Trustees do not believe it possible to properly conduct a school of this size and grade for a less sum than has been expended in the present instance, and, having nothing upon which to base expectations of a larger income from their other resources than has been realized the past year, but rather the certainty that it will be considerably diminished, they respectfully ask the town to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars, to the end that no embarrassment may arise in carrying on the school for the best interest of the town. The school for the ensuing year will open April 10, at 9 o'clock, A.M., when applicants will be examined.

SIDNEY FRENCH,	}	<i>Trustees Stetson School Fund.</i>
CHAS. H. HOWARD,		
DANIEL HOWARD,		

SETH TURNER, *Secretary.*

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1876.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH

		DR.		
1875.				
March.	To balance of old account	.	.	\$10 07
April.	Six months' dividend of	Exchange National Bank	.	\$60 00
	" " "	Shoe and Leather National		
		Bank	.	45 00
	" " "	Hide and Leather National		
		Bank	.	30 00
	" " "	Boylston National Bank	.	50 00
	" " "	Eliot National Bank	.	40 00
	" " "	Old Boston National Bank	.	40 00
	" " "	Webster National Bank	.	30 00
	" " "	Tremont National Bank	.	40 00
	" " "	Shawmut National Bank	.	52 00
	" " "	Randolph National Bank	.	78 00
				<hr/> \$465 00
Sept. 14.	Town appropriation	.	.	\$1,000
Oct.	Six months' dividend of	Exchange National Bank	.	\$60 00
	" " "	Shoe and Leather National		
		Bank	.	30 00
	" " "	Hide and Leather National		
		Bank	.	30 00
	" " "	Boylston National Bank	.	50 00
	" " "	Eliot National Bank	.	40 00
	" " "	Old Boston National Bank	.	40 00
	" " "	Webster National Bank	.	30 00
	" " "	Tremont National Bank	.	35 00
	" " "	Shawmut National Bank	.	52 00
	" " "	Randolph National Bank	.	78 00
				<hr/> \$435 00
	Cash for use of Hall and Bank-room for the year			\$178 00
	Amount of tax refunded by State	.	.	201 97
	Balance against the fund	.	.	73 53

THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1875.			
April 16.	By paying for policy of insurance, Quincy Co.		\$36 00
"	" " " Lowell Co.		41 00
"	" " " Norfolk Co.		31 00
June.	Bill, S. French, for charcoal.		2 00
	C. Boyd, for sundries		1 80
	E. A. Perry, for sundries		14 81
	D. H. Huxford, for printing.		1 00
	Charles Higgins, for painting		10 00
	F. M. Tyler, salary, \$227.50; sundries, \$1.12		228 62
	Arthur W. Alden, for care of room		13 50
	C. W. Howard, for sundries.		18 00
July 1.	V. H. Deane, three months' salary		300 00
1.	Miss Clifton, nine weeks' salary		108 00
Sept. 6.	C. Boyd, for sundries		5 85
	P. Reynolds, for use of organ twelve months		24 00
July 2.	C. Boyd, for care of room		13 50
Sept.	R. W. Turner & Co., eleven tons coal.		94 25
Oct. 1.	V. H. Deane, three months' salary, \$300; sundries, \$5.70		305 70
Nov.	Miss Clifton, twelve weeks' salary		144 00
Nov.	C. Boyd, care of room, and sundries		23 15
Nov.	W. H. Smith, charcoal		8 33
1876.			
Jan.	V. H. Deane, three months' salary, \$300; sundries, \$16.50		316 50
	Charles A. Wales		29 56
	F. A. Stanley		3 75
Feb.	J. E. Nash		1 00
March.	Benjamin Belcher, Oct. 27, 1875		29 15
March.	J. B. Thayer		9 75
	School Committee		2 00
	Frank Porter		14 66
	Colin Boyd		19 15
	Miss Clifton's salary, seventeen weeks		204 00
	D. B. White & Co.		9 54
	V. H. Deane, salary, three months		300 00
	Trustees and secretary, for services one year		20 00
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			\$2,383 57

SETH TURNER, Sec.

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1876.

The subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Randolph, certify that they have examined the accounts of "The Trustees of the Stetson School Fund," as before reported, and find them correct. The balance appears against the fund to the amount of seventy-three and 53-100 dollars. The investment remains as stated by the Trustees, in bank-stock, amounting, at par value, to \$10,600; the certificates being in due form and in the hands of the Secretary.

J. WHITE BELCHER, } *Selectmen*
JOHN T. FLOOD, } *of*
JAMES A. TOWER, } *Randolph.*

STATE OF THE TREASURY MARCH 1, 1876.

DR.

5	Notes to Commonwealth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$25,000 00
1	Randolph Savings Bank	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,000 00
1	Turner Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,000 00
6	Patrick McMahon	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,400 00
1	Lemuel Wentworth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,600 00
1	Ebenezer Moulton	900 00
1	P. E. Wilbur	500 00
1	George H. Nichols	200 00
1	Jeptha Howard	2,000 00
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									\$43,600 00
Estimated amount interest due									260 00
" " bills unpaid									140 00
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Amount of									\$44,000 00
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Value of Randolph National Bank Stock (8 shares)	1,600 00
" Salt Marsh (Quincy)	500 00
Balance Tax, 1874 (H. B. Alden, col.)	.	.	.	.	349 16
" " 1875 (E. M. Roel, col.)	.	.	.	.	1,271 51
" in Treasurer's hands	.	.	.	.	13,608 92
State aid due	.	.	.	.	4,000 00
Amount of R. Adams note and interest	.	.	.	.	759 45
" " school books in hands of S. S. Com.	.	.	.	.	141 51
Estimated amount due from towns and individuals	150 00
Balance	21,619 45
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					\$44,000 00

TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT WITH

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Paid Treasury Notes	\$10,000 00
Sundry Town Orders	28,189 18
Interest on Treasury Notes	2,961 83
National Bank Tax	2,804 57
State Tax	3,140 00
Corporation Tax	89 85
Turner Library (Dog Money, 1874, vote of Town)	430 37
Expenses: Treasurer's salary, \$100; Town Clerk, collecting and recording Births, Deaths, and Marriages; Sexton returning Deaths, and Stationery, &c., \$97.85	197 85
Bank Stock	\$800 00
Note Receivable	700 00
Balance Tax, 1874	349 16
" " 1875	1,271 51
Cash Orders, Bills, &c.	13,608 92
Balance	10,729 59
	<u>\$64,543 24</u>

HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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Balance	\$13,926 10
Received for Treasury Notes issued	5,000 00
Tax Bill, 1875	31,770 22
Bank Dividends	96 00
Salt Grass	17 25
Dog License	412 40
Liquor Licenses	862 50
Circus Licenses	20 00
State School Fund	345 70
Corporation Tax	2,073 15
State Aid	3,000 00
Bill refunded	8 00
School Books sold	167 79
Town of Easthampton, pauper	71 50
National Bank Tax	4,685 02
City of Boston, pauper	163 00
Town of Stoughton, pauper	89 00
Grafton, pauper	1 00
Abington, pauper	7 00
Foxboro, pauper	45 50
Milton, pauper	20 00
Town Farm	631 22
Town of Holbrook, annual settlement	643 72
Braintree, pauper	100 00
Peabody, pauper	94 85
State Aid overdrawn	292 32
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	\$64,543 24

The subscribers, Auditors of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Randolph for the year ending March 1, 1876, have examined the Accounts of HIRAM C. ALDEN, Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched with suitable entries.

FRANKLIN PORTER,	} Auditors.
FRANK MORTON,	
EDGAR HOWARD,	

RANDOLPH, March 17, 1876.

TURNER LIBRARY.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Randolph.

GENTLEMEN,—The third article of the By-Laws for the government of the Library provides that the president of the Trustees shall annually make to the town a report in writing of the condition of the trust, which embraces the building, library, and fund. In accordance with this requirement the first annual report is herewith submitted.

First.—The building needs no other notice than that it is in good order, occupied by the tenants heretofore contemplated, and meets the expectations of the friends of the enterprise, and the public generally.

Second.—The Library, from various causes (and its preparation proving more of a labor than had been anticipated), was not put in operation as early as expected. It is thought, however, that before the Town Reports are distributed, books will be ready for delivery. The main hall has been furnished with cases equal to the wants of some years to come, and suitable furniture ordered or supplied for library work. The reading-room will, doubtless, be opened the present month. The professional gentlemen of the library committee (Messrs. Labaree, Foster, O'Brien, and Jewell) have been untiring in their efforts, devoting much time to the work of inauguration, evincing on their part, and that of Mr. Foster, jun., of the Hyde Park Library, an ability in the selection of books which entitles them to the hearty appreciation of their services,

which will be awarded by the public deriving advantages from well-chosen volumes. The purpose of the committee has been to establish the character of the library as of merit and solidity, at the same time supplying the shelves liberally with works of fiction which will prove unobjectionable. Whatever defects or deficiencies experience may discover can be amended in the future from a regular income, and such reasonable appropriations as the town may make. The whole number of volumes at the date of this report is a little more than three thousand, a large proportion of liberal cost. In this connection the Trustees desire to communicate to the town the generous donation of about seven hundred valuable volumes by the Randolph Reading-room Association.

Third. — The Fund. After paying for the building and its outfit, ten thousand dollars of the original donation of • fifty thousand dollars remained to be used in preparing library and reading-rooms, purchasing furniture, the supply of books, periodicals, newspapers, &c. Of this sum about one-half will be expended for the purposes named, leaving, it is hoped, intact five thousand dollars, now invested in a note of the town of Randolph to aid in its income future additions. With this receipt, rents, and such town aid as already indicated, the Trustees are confident liberal annual supplies may be made to reading facilities. In the next annual report a minute statement of the treasurer's account should be made, the incomplete transactions rendering it inexpedient at this time.

As soon as a carefully prepared catalogue can be furnished, the Trustees will offer it at cost price, so that every person can at leisure become familiar with the library contents.

In behalf of the Trustees,

SETH TURNER, *President.*

MARCH 15, 1876.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF RANDOLPH:—

Gentlemen,—The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following Report. The expenses of the Department have been as follows:—

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER Co., No. 1.

For the year ending May 1, 1875.

Paid 21 men services one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$147 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1876.

Paid 23 men 3 hours' work, at 25 cents,	17 25
16 men 1 hour's work, at 25 cents,	4 00
N. E. Knight, steward bill,	9 75
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	\$178 00

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE Co., No. 2.

For the year ending May 1, 1875.

Paid 50 men services one year, at \$7.00,	\$350 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1876.

Paid 36 men 1 hour's work, at 25 cents,	9 00
40 men 1½ hour's work, at 25 cents,	15 00
Daniel Twoomey, steward bill,	12 00
Walter Sullivan, steward bill,	5 00
William Brennan, steward bill,	16 50
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	\$407 50

FEARLESS ENGINE CO., No. 3.

For the year ending May 1, 1875.

Paid 49 men services 1 year, at \$7.00 each,	\$343 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1876.

Paid 30 men $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour's work, at 25 cents,	11 25
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\$354 25

FIRE KING ENGINE CO., No. 5.

For the year ending May 1, 1875.

Paid 50 men services 1 year, at \$7.00 each,	\$350 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1876.

Paid 43 men 1 hour's work, at 25 cents,	10 75
For filling reservoir,	24 25
50 men 3 hours' work, at 25 cents,	37 50
J. T. Cartwright, steward bill,	36 00
19 men 3 hours' work, at 25 cents, Tower Hill,	14 25
50 men 2 hours' work, at 25 cents, S. Alden,	25 00
34 men 3 hours' work, at 25 cents, C. McCarty,	25 50
50 men 2 hours' work, at 25 cents, J. Mahony,	25 00
50 men 1 hours' work, at 25 cents, alarm,	12 50
50 men 1 hour's work at 25 cents, J. Russello,	12 50

\$573 25

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid E. A. Perry, repairs,	\$2 63
H. A. Winship, repairs,	93 15
Daniel Kelleher, shovelling snow,	4 00
Carter, Hawes, & Hawley, sponges,	8 00
William A. English, oiling hose,	5 00
For lock and keys for engine-house,	7 55
J. Clark, rent of land for Fearless house,	10 00
Mary Sullivan, rent of land for Independence house,	10 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	7 82
Engineers' supplies,	50 50
Lewis Pond, spanners,	18 00
C. A. Wales, supplies,	9 00
G. T. Jones, supplies,	15 00
F. Porter, supplies,	3 40
G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	80
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	14 26
H. H. Francis, labor and material,	52 63
A. J. Gove, express, and cash paid,	10 35
William Campbell, repairs,	3 75
J. Boyd & Son, repairs,	2 50
Hunneman & Co., repairs,	33 15
R. Houghton, repairs,	2 50
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	\$363 99

RECAPITULATION.

Pioneer Hook and ladder,	\$178 00
Independence, No. 2,	407 50
Fearless, No. 3,	354 25
Fire King,	573 25
Incidental expenses,	363 99
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Whole amount,	\$1,876 99

The Department has been called out as follows : —

May, 1875. — Alarm of fire in Braintree.

September, 1875. — House and barn belonging to Susan Alden ; insured. Engines present, — Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire King, Independence, and Fearless.

September, 1875. — Shop belonging to Charles McCarty ; insured. Engines present, — Pioneer Hook and Independence, Fire King, and Fearless.

October, 1875. — Bowling Alley belonging to E. H. Perry, and occupied by J. Mahony. Engines present, — Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire-King, Independence, and Fearless.

January, 1876. — House belonging to James A. Tower. Engines present, — Independence, Fire King, and Fearless.

February, 1876. — Alarm of fire caused by chimney burning in house of John Russello. Engines present, — Independence, Fire King, and Pioneer Hook and Ladder.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. WARREN,	}	<i>Engineers of Fire Department.</i>
LEVI WILBUR,		
E. E. LOTHROP,		

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH, 1875.

Date.		Names.	Residence.	Age.
1875.				
Jan.	3	Charles H. Wild	Randolph.	42
		Ellen F. May	"	29
	3	James E. Neary	"	23
		Anna C. De Neil	"	20
	5	Thomas J. Hill	"	25
		Clementine P. Piper	"	21
	27	James Fardy	"	21
		Elizabeth Good	"	21
Feb.	23	Weston P. Alden	"	22
		Hannah A. Lapham	"	24
April	8	Fred P. Tileston	Randolph.	32
		Martha L. Towns	Easton.	33
	10	Daniel W. Arnold	Braintree.	22
		Nellie A. Simmons	Randolph.	22
	27	James Walsh	Malden.	27
		Mary B. Dolan	Randolph.	24
May	24	Richmond Jones	Randolph.	24
		Jennie Vergarson	Hartford.	26
June	13	Charles F. Crane	Stoughton.	26
		Julia E. Burrell	"	17
	28	John M. Jones	Brockton.	22
		J. Frances Easton	"	19
July	4	John F. Sullivan	Randolph.	18
		Sarah E. Bennison	"	20
Aug.	28	James T. Howard	Holbrook.	28
		Mary F. Courteau	"	27

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Age.
8	George M. Clark	Randolph.	34
	Harriett E. Lyons	"	34
15	Joseph P. Drollett	Braintree.	18
	Susan H. Holbrook	"	17
23	Henry A. Davenport	Randolph.	23
	Fanny A. Bardwell	Northampton.	24
Sept. 5	Charles A. French	Braintree.	22
	Jennie Montague	"	19
12	George E. Hollis	"	25
	Loella A. Munroe	"	21
Oct. 3	Bernard Moore	Randolph.	24
	Hannah Dooley	"	22
10	John Walsh	"	26
	Mary E. Dwyer	"	21
Nov. 25	Eugene Thayer	Randolph.	26
	Clara W. Orcutt	Abington.	23
22	William F. Dennehey	Plymouth.	25
	Lydia A. Kiley	"	22
30	Emerson O. Leach	Randolph.	25
	Lizzie J. French	"	24
Dec. 9	Horace B. Libby	"	48
	Mary E. Stetson	"	28
15	L. Morton Packard	Stoughton.	24
	Nellie F. Thayer	Randolph.	25
25	Dennis J. Bisbee	Weymouth.	30
	Azelia A. Holbrook	Stoughton.	28
27	Albert A. Stanley	Delaware, Ohio.	24
	Emma F. Bullock	Randolph.	22

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR 1875.

Date.	Names.	Ages.			Diseases.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1875					
January . . 5	Julia Ahern	33			Phthisis.
5	Joseph Jones	79	10		Pneumonia.
9	S. Preston Linfield	29	4	9	Accidental.
28	Alice L. McMahon	1	3	18	Cer. Spinal Meningitis.
27	Eugene F. Ward	31	6		Consumption.
28	Joanna L. Foley	15	5	1	Phthisis.
30	George F. Britton	65	10	24	Typhoid Fever.
February 17	Fredrick A. Thayer	38	3	7	Tumor.
24	Patrick Donovan	79	4		Old age.
March . . 14	John O'Riley	43			Acute Phthisis.
16	Emma L. Buck	25			Phthisis pulmonalis.
18	William Henry	26	2	10	Phthisis.
25	Richard McGrane	67	3		Pneumonia.
April . . . 4	Betsy Prescott	60	4	19	Marasmus.
5	Herbert G. Thayer		7	16	Dentition.
20	Atherton Wales	69	4	8	Pgoemia.
23	Tirrell		4		Infantile.
27	Almira A. Madan	41	2	6	Consumption.
May . . . 3	Elizabeth Fernald	82	2	22	Paralysis.
24	Samuel B. Stickney	4	1	6	Dropsy.
June . . . 6	Katie Barry	8	9	25	Burned.
6	Louisa F. Eaton	73	1	13	Pneumonia.
30	Robert H. Wales	3	5	23	Scarlatina.
July . . . 1	Terrence Dargan	57	1	15	Enlargement of liver.
1	Betsy Fears	66	5	27	Pneumonia.
1	Addison Faunce	57	6		Paralysis.
9	William H. A. Tucker	62	3	19	Cancer.
19	Jane A. Leahy	22	11	12	Consumption.
23	William B. Stetson	30	3	27	Consumption.
26	Cornelius Foley	43	3	25	Consumption.
August . . 2	Charles E. Brown			22	Infantile.
6	Catharine Wren	16		8	Phthisis.
10	George J. Young	17			Heart disease.
11	Charles F. Bradford	31	1	5	Insanity.
14	Louisa Lovering	64	3	10	Congestion.
16	Mehitable W. French	67	11	26	Paralysis.
23	Dennis O'Brien, jun.	1		19	Cholera Infantum.
24	John Good		3	20	Infantile.
27	Margaret Good } Twins		3	23	Infantile.
September 11	Sally Nash	67	10		Tumor.
13	Tryphena Nilcs	76			Insanity.
14	Hiram Hodsdon	30	1	22	Kidney disease.
14	J. Arthur Pratt	4	6	24	Epilepsy.
16	Hannah E. Leahy	14	11	23	Phthisis.
18	Hannah Holbrook	73	9	6	Diarrhœa.
23	Henry N. Hunt	5	6		Cholera infantum.
October . . 5	Elizabeth Forrest		5	15	Diarrhœa.
9	Ellen Ahern	1		4	Phthisis.
11	Michael T. Leahy	24	5	29	Phthisis.
13	Cornelius Foley	24	5		Asthma.
13	Charles Thayer	74	3	17	Pulmonary congestion.
22	Dennis Nash	73			Consumption.
November 1	Heuey				Asphyxia.
9	Fanny R. Kilton	27	11	2	Phthisis pulmonalis.
23	Jacob N. Foster	62			Epilepsy.
27	George W. Hollis	42	8	21	Acute enteritis.
December . 3	Mary Harris	34	10	11	Ovarian dropsy.
28	Jane Sylvester	69			Burned.

TABLE OF DISEASES,

AND NUMBER OF EACH.

Asphyxia, acute enteritis, ovarian dropsy, kidney disease, congestion, acute phthisis, dentition, dropsy, asthma, pulmonary congestion, enlargement of liver, pgoemia, cerebro spinal meningitis, marasmus, typhoid fever, cancer, scarlatina, heart disease, old age, — 1 each.

Diarrhœa, epilepsy, burned, phthisis pulmonalis, insanity, tumor, accidental, cholera infantum, — 2 each.

Paralysis, 3. Infantile, 4. Pneumonia, 4. Phthisis, 6. Consumption, 6.

34 Males.

24 Females.

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Under 5 years of age.....	14
Between 5 and 10	1
10 and 20.....	4
20 and 30.....	7
30 and 40.....	7
40 and 50.....	4
50 and 60.....	3
60 and 70.....	10
70 and 80.....	7
80 and 90.....	1

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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, } ss.

To WILLIAM H. WARREN, *or either of the Constables of the Town
of Randolph, in said County*, GREETING:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the third day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles; viz, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such Town Officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting; also a Trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs on school buildings, and incidental expenses for schools.

ART. 5. To decide on the amount of money required to defray the General Town Expenses the ensuing year, and make appropriation thereof, including the payment on the Town debt.

ART. 6. To determine the manner of repairing highways, and raise money for the same.

ART. 7. To see what action the Town will take in relation to engines and pay of engine-men.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves, under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles Post No. 110.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize and appoint the Selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the Town, — to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested, as a party or otherwise, — for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means a Town Treasurer may use when acting as Collector.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to charge interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after Oct. 10, 1876.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will cause stone bounds to be set at the angles of location of Short Street, and that portion of Main Street between the Howard House and Quincy town line; and, if there are any encroachments on or within the boundaries of said street, to cause the same to be removed, as petitioned for by John Long.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will award Joanna W. King the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to the award already made, for damage to her property

caused by the location and construction of the new street leading from the Old Colony Station on Warren Street to the Old Colony Railroad Bridge on Main Street, as petitioned for by Seth T. and Joanna W. King. Also to take action in relation to a claim of O. H. Leach for additional land damage.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will cause to be laid out and built a sidewalk from Alden Street to house of Cornelius McMahon on South Street on petition of C. McMahon and others.

ART. 17. To see what action the Town will take in relation to a claim for damages, by Thomas Ward, for alleged injuries to the wife of said Ward on Short Street.

ART. 18. To see what action the Town will take in relation to celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the declaration of Independence, and make appropriation therefor.

ART. 19. To see what action the Town will take in relation to providing for a paid police the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the day appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this sixteenth day of March, A.D., one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

J. WHITE BELCHER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN T. FLOOD,	
JAMES A. TOWER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Randolph.</i>

